Reply.—This is not deemed necessary as there is a hospital at Kottayam 7 miles off and another at Minachil at a distance of 10 miles from Ettumanur.

427. Construction of certain roads and bridges in Ettumanur.

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu (Ettumanur) represented that the construction of roads and bridges was necessary in several parts of the taluk.

Reply.—The road from Ettumanur to Vaikam is included in the programme. If a specific representation is made as to the other roads required, it will receive consideration.

428. Repair of sluices in the Pennar canal.

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu requested that the sluices referred to might be repaired at an early date.

Reply.—This matter will receive attention along with the Kaipuzha scheme, of which it forms a part.

429. Raising of a bund between Thottakom and Thuruthummel.

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu represented that this was very necessary.

Reply.—This question will also be taken up in connection with the Kaipuzha scheme.

430. Cutting open of the Valianapuzha bund.

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu represented that the Valianapuzha bund caused damage to a large area of wet lands and that it was desirable to cut it open in the interests of the agricultural population.

Reply.—This is both unnecessary and inexpedient. The Chief Engineer is of opinion that the provision of more escapes will answer the purpose. His estimate for the work is awaited.

431. Desirability of not registering the unregistered lands of Vechoor.

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu requested that the unregistered lands in Vechoorkara might not be registered in the names of private individuals but be reserved by Government, as this would help the punja cultivation of Kaipuzha, Manjoor and adjoining proverthies.

Reply.—The matter was decided by Government in 1070, and 2,998 parahs of land has been reserved. The attention of the Settlement Peishkar will also be drawn to the subject.

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